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TITLE 5. EDUCATION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

California High School Exit Examination

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The State Board of Education (State Board) proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board will hold a public hearing beginning at **3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003**, at 1430 N Street, Room 1101, Sacramento. The room is wheelchair accessible. At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. The State Board requests that any person desiring to present statements or arguments orally notify the Regulations Adoption Coordinator of such intent. The Board requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a summary of their statements. No oral statements will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Regulations Adoption Coordinator. The written comment period ends at **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003**. The Board will consider only written comments received by the Regulations Adoption Coordinator or at the Board Office by that time (in addition to those comments received at the public hearing). Written comments for the State Board's consideration should be directed to:

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AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Section 33031, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 48980, 49068, 52504, 56101, 56365, 60850, 60851, and 60855, Education Code.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The State Board of Education proposes to adopt amendments to Sections 1200 to 1225 in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). These sections concern the administration of the California high school exit examination (CAHSEE) that require each pupil completing grade 12 or adult school student to successfully pass the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school. These sections also concern the administration of the examination in each public school and state special school that provides instruction in grades 10, 11, and 12. Education Code section 33031 authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to implement, interpret and make specific these requirements.

Senate Bill 2 was enacted in June 1999 to establish the CAHSEE. The examination is offered in English/language arts and mathematics and is aligned to state content standards in these content areas.

In October 2002, Education Code section 60851 was amended effective January 1, 2003, which requires the revision and addition of regulations to clarify the underlying statute. Senate Bill (SB) 2 was enacted in June 1999. In October of 2002, Education Code section 60851 was amended by Senate Bill 1476 and will become effective January 1, 2003. In addition, the previously adopted regulations for CAHSEE have been revised twice, thus existing regulations were reviewed in total to ensure that all sections are consistent with each other, and to address new issues and the new amendments to Section 60851.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to guide districts and schools in the administration of the high school exit examination, including but not limited to definitions, data requirements, test security, and apportionment.

Section 1200 provides definitions. Sections 1203 to 1211.5 deal with administration issues, such as responsibilities of district and school test coordinators and test security. Sections 1215 to 1219.5 address accommodations, modifications and waivers for special needs students. Section 1220 specifies how cheating during test administration will be handled. Section 1225 describes how funds will be apportioned to school districts.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None

Cost or savings to any state agency: None

Costs to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code section 17561: None

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on local educational agencies: None

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or businesses: The State Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Adoption of these regulations will not:

- (1) create or eliminate jobs within California;
- (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or
- (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Affect on small businesses: The proposed regulations will have no effect on small businesses because they only relate to the administration of the high school exit exam in public schools. The proposed regulations do not impose additional workload on small businesses or contractors funded by the Department.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)(13), the State Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the State Board, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

The State Board invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period.

CONTACT PERSONS

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to:

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Requests for a copy of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other technical information upon which the rulemaking is based or questions on the proposed administrative action may be directed to Regulations Adoption Coordinator , or to the backup contact person, Najia Rosales, Analyst, at (916) 319-0584.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Regulations Adoption Coordinator will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at her office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, and the initial statement of reasons. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the State Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the State Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the modified text (with changes clearly indicated) will be available to the public for at least 15 days before the State Board adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be sent to the attention of the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the address indicated above. The State Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the above address.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the text of the regulations in underline and strikeout, and the Final Statement of Reasons, can be accessed through the California Department of Education's website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/regulations>.